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Sir R. A. Falconer,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Executive of the Alberta Educational Association, held on Saturday the 30th ult. I was instructed to write you and confirm the action already taken by our President, Mr. J. G. Taylor, of Edmonton, and to extend to you a most hearty invitation to deliver three addresses before our provincial convention of teachers, to be held in Calgary, Alta, on the week following Easter, April the 23, 24 & 25, 1919. It is probable that you will also be asked to address some one or more of the city organizations, during your stay in the city.

Should you desire any information I shall be glad to be of service to you. We expect 1200 teachers, or more, and we are particularly interested in the educational side of the reconstruction work of our Dominion, and Great Britain.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. Spicer.
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December 10th, 1910

H. J. Spicer, Esq.,
1811- 10th Street West,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Mr. Spicer:

I have your letter of Dec. 2nd and am glad to have the information. I will make my arrangements so as to be with you on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th. I note that I am expected to deliver three addresses. Would you be kind enough to let me know whether they are all public addresses or whether two of them are before sections, as for example, the High School or Public School or any other section ?

I should not like to undertake such extra work while I am in one city, as I shall be speaking every day and I should want to keep myself fairly fresh for the work for which I am going.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Dear Sir.

In reply to yours of the 19th inst., I may say that our present plan for your three addresses is as follows,- two addresses before our teachers convention, as a whole, and one in the evening, of a more public interest, before a mixed audience of citizens and delegates.

Regarding other addresses, we make no arrangements, but it is customary for the Canadian Clubs or some similar organization to take advantage of the opportunity and arrange for our outside speaker to address their organization. However, any such arrangement will be made direct with you, and you can deal with it as you deem best.

I will forward an advance notice to you with fuller details along in February. Should it be convenient, I should be glad to have the subjects of your addresses in a month or so from date.

Yours faithfully, H. J. Spicer.

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I824 - I6th Street, West,
Calgary, Alta., Mar. 8, 1919.

President R. A. Falconer,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Falconer:-

At a meeting of the executive of the Alberta Educational Association held this morning, it was decided not to hold the annual convention this year. On account of the epidemic of influenza last fall and this winter the city schools have lost from five to eight weeks school, and many of the rural schools ~~fxx~~ a longer period. The railways also have refused to grant any reduction in fares which would seriously interfere with the attendance this year. A number of local reasons also influenced the executive to postpone the convention until Easter I9I9.

We exceedingly regret having to cancel our arrangement with you, to address our convention, and hope that it may not inconvenience you. We also hope that it may be possible to arrange to have you address us next year, should nothing arise to interfere.

We thank you for your readiness to come and speak to our teachers, and hope that ~~xx~~ you will receive this in time to make other arrangements should you so desire.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. Spicer.